

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 746

By Massey

A RESOLUTION to recognize Don Lindsey on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their years of industry; and

WHEREAS, Donald Lindsey is one such estimable person who has served as the Tennessee Public Affairs Director for The Auto Club Group with distinction and is embarking upon a much-deserved retirement; and

WHEREAS, Donald Lindsey has served and represented AAA members and the motoring public in Tennessee throughout a legendary career spanning more than thirty-nine years, including service as Public Affairs Coordinator for AAA East Tennessee, and currently as Tennessee Public Affairs Director for The Auto Club Group; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lindsey's entire career has been dedicated to his passions of improving traffic safety for all drivers, making transportation improvements, and advocating for greater traffic safety measures; and

WHEREAS, Don Lindsey has worked tirelessly to improve traffic safety laws in Tennessee, including graduated driver licensing, primary safety belt enforcement, booster seat usage, no texting while driving, tougher DUI laws, and the preservation of the motorcycle helmet law; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lindsey has served countless Tennesseans and their families through his senior driving seminars, helping seniors and their families evaluate driving behaviors and identify warning signs; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lindsey is well known to motorists in Knoxville and across the state, making regular appearances in the news media to inform Tennesseans on issues ranging from safely driving in the snow to discussions about gas prices; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lindsey has helped coordinate AAA's active participation in the AAA School Safety Patrol Program, which has organized educational trips to Washington, D.C., for more than 75,000 Tennessee AAA School Safety Patrollers for almost six decades, providing thousands of Tennessee schoolchildren with their first experience in our nation's capital, with 2016 being the sixtieth anniversary of this memorable annual event; and

WHEREAS, Don Lindsey, along with Tim Wright, have demonstrated leadership and service to the State of Tennessee in numerous ways over the years, including participating in state-sponsored initiatives and committees such as the Tennessee Department of Transportation's Long Range Transportation Plan and Tennessee's Strategic Highway Safety Plan to help make Tennessee's roadways safer for all users; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lindsey has long been a fixture at the General Assembly, passionately advocating for highway safety and better roads, and keeping legislators advised of Tennessee's progress in the safety arena by virtue of the "State of Safety" Presentation, presented annually to the Senate and House Transportation Committees of the General Assembly; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we commend Don Lindsey for his tireless work that has saved hundreds of lives and prevented thousands of injuries in traffic crashes, mentored and rewarded thousands of youngsters to become future leaders, and improved the quality of life for all Tennesseans. We congratulate Don Lindsey on his upcoming retirement and extend to him our heartfelt wishes for every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.